

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sheriff Robert D. Spoden
INITIATED BY

Public Safety & Justice Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Sergeant Shena Kohler
DRAFTED BY

March 28, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF JANESVILLE FOR THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM

1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Janesville has firefighters equipped and trained in the proficiency standards
2 necessary to safely and effectively respond to a Level "B" or Type III hazardous materials release; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, the City of Janesville is willing to deploy the team to respond to incidents involving actual
5 or potential hazardous material releases of a Type III level of response on a countywide basis under the
6 provision that the response is cost neutral to the City of Janesville; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 15-8A-347 previously authorized the renewal of the agreement with the
9 city of Janesville for hazardous material response services and renewed the confirmation of a team of
10 certified and equipped firefighters within the Janesville Fire Department capable to serve as the Rock
11 County Hazardous Materials Response Team, originally established in 2004; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin State Statute 323.71 and Chapter 2.5 of the Rock County Ordinances allow
14 Rock County to bill the responsible party for the cost to respond to hazardous material releases; and,
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16 **WHEREAS**, the billing is structured such that Rock County is able to recover some, if not all, of the
17 costs associated with a hazardous materials response; and,
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19 **WHEREAS**, given Rock County's population density, transportation corridors, industrial base and
20 focus on homeland security, the Rock County Board of Supervisors believes it is prudent to continue to
21 maintain a countywide response capability.
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
24 assembled this 12th day of April, 2018 does hereby authorize and direct the Rock
25 County Board Chair and the Rock County Clerk to execute the renewal of the Rock County Hazmat
26 Response Services Agreement with the City of Janesville.

18-4A-510

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Mary Beaver
Mary Beaver, Chair

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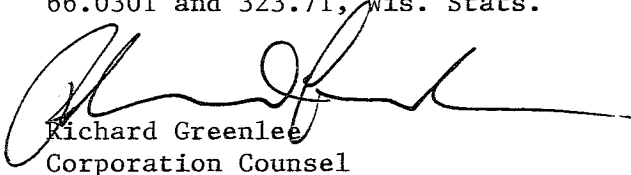
This contract covers FYs 2018-2020. \$50,447 has been included in the FY2018 budget to cover estimated costs. Funding will need to be included in the 2019 and 2020 budgets for estimated costs of these services.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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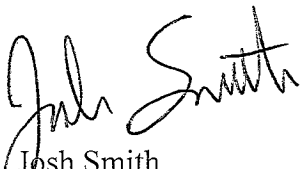
The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51, 66.0301 and 323.71, Wis. Stats.



Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Rock County Hazardous Materials Response Team was permanently established in 2004, pursuant to the Rock County Hazmat Emergency Response Plan as mandated by Wisconsin Statute 323.14 and under the authority granted to local agencies to respond to hazardous substance releases per Wisconsin Statute 323.71.

The County of Rock and the City of Janesville Fire Department agreed to intergovernmental cooperation pursuant to the Rock County Hazmat Emergency Response Plan, to utilize the Janesville Hazmat Response Team as a countywide response asset, identifying the team as the Rock County Hazardous Materials Response Team. The Rock County Hazardous Materials Response Team is annually funded by Rock County using County Budget 21-2540-0000-00000 – Rock County Hazmat Team.

This resolution authorizes the Board Chair and County Clerk to renew the three - year Contract Agreement with the City of Janesville for the provision of Hazmat response services. Under this agreement, the HAZMAT Response Team, composed of members of the Janesville Fire Department, will respond to Level “B” or Type III hazardous material incidents that occur anywhere within Rock County with the goal of arriving on scene in less than one hour. The Team will include approximately 40 personnel trained to the Hazardous Materials Technician level. This compliment of technicians would mean that a minimum of six to eight technicians are on duty at any given time.

The City is willing to provide services to Rock County with the caveat that it is cost neutral. Under this agreement, the County commits to pay for the fixed cost of keeping the team trained and response ready for the length of the agreement. The County also commits to pay the City for any incremental cost the team incurs should it make a HAZMAT response. Those costs include items such as employee salaries, benefits, and consumable materials associated with the HAZMAT response. The County reimburses the City’s costs and bills the party responsible for the incident to recover those direct expenses from the response.

Under Wisconsin State Statutes and Chapter 2.5 of the County Ordinances, Rock County can bill and collect from the identified, responsible party for the cost of responding to hazardous materials incidents. The amount collected each year would depend on how many times the team is called out and how long it takes to control the incident. The 2018 rate is \$504.00 per hour, plus any costs incurred including salaries, benefits, and consumables, which is then billed to the responsible party by the Rock County LEPC Administrative Review Team.

The Rock County Hazardous Materials Response Team is also contracted with the State of Wisconsin to serve as a statewide response team for Type III hazardous material responses. The State of Wisconsin provides an additional funding to the team in the approximate amount of \$ 15,813 for equipment purchases.

Fiscal Year 2018 – Level B Hazmat Team – Budget		
Revenues		
42200	State Aid	\$15,813
44100	Fees	\$4,000 (Estimated Revenue)
Expenses		
62119	Contracted Services	\$50,447
County Share - (\$30,634.00)		